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Crafted in Philly: 9 unique gift ideas for $100 or less

Add these locally made accessories, homeware and more to your shopping list this season.

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It's almost December and that means it's shopping season. While you're purchasing gifts for the people you know best as well as last-minute office Secret Santa gift exchanges, make sure you shop local. Philly is a hub for artists and artisans who sell their products in both brick and mortar stores and online. Here are nine Philly made gift ideas to get you started.

Botanist Cuff - Analog Watch Co.
In addition to their beautiful marble and wood watches made in their studio in East Passyunk, Analog has a line of stunning floral cuff bracelets. These handcrafted pieces are casted with resin and flowers in six color schemes. The flowers are placed by hand while the bracelets are cast, which ensures that each piece is truly one-of-a-kind. *$59, Shop online via analogwatchco.com*

Passport Holder + Luggage Tag Gift Set - Tesoro Design
It's the perfect set for the jetsetter in your life. This set of leather travel accessories makes the right statement while personalizing a passport and luggage. Tesoro Design owner Brit Reed focuses on timeless designs and sustainably sourced materials to create beautiful bags and accessories. Purchase online or at their shop in Graduate Hospital. *$100, Tesoro Design, 1533 South St., tesoro.design*

Philly Wishes Pillow - Ana Thorne
Send your best wishes with this Philly-themed pillow that shows some the best sites and local heroes including Gritty and Rocky Balboa. Gift by itself as a statement piece for the lucky recipient's living room, or pair with one of her other PA and Philly-themed pillows to form an artfully mismatched set. *$30-$40, Shop in-person at the Made in Philadelphia holiday market in Dilworth Park through Jan. 1 or online at anathorne.com*

Tesoro's Passport Holder + Luggage Tag Gift Set

Philly Manhole Cover Cork Coasters - RethinkTANK
These coasters are a more subtle and quirky homage to Philly. Design studio RethinkTANK reimagines manhole covers as fun and useful additions to a coffee or dining room table. These coasters and matching trivets are available at boutique Philadelphia Independents. *$32, Philadelphia Independents, 35 N 3rd St., philadelphiaindependents.com*

Ceramic Planter - Clarissa Eck
Order a thoughtful and unique piece for the stylish plant parent in your life. Ceramicist Clarissa Eck's line of whimsical designs are inspired by nature and feature intricately carved figures like an adorable black rabbit or moth. Eck's standard planters are five inches tall and have a drainage hole to provide a happy home for the giftee's prized plant. *$65, Shop online via clarissa-eck.com*

Embroidery Art - Hoop & Wheel
Perfect for both bedroom and office walls, treat someone (or yourself) to one of Hoop and Wheel's embroidery creations. Artist Emma Perloff stitches floral motifs, sunroom scenes and more to create pieces that will pop with both color and texture. Get a five-inch piece for around $80, or get a wearable pin with one of Perloff's tiny detailed designs for $35. *Prices vary, Hoop & Wheel, Shop online via etsy.com/shop/hoopandwheel*

Bath Products - Duross & Langel
These Center City soap makers have scents and products for everyone. Get one of their pre-selected gift sets like the Hump Day Gift Box ($50) with everything required for soaking all the stress away or choose from hundreds of products to create your own gift bag. Their mini sizes and single-use products are also fantastic stocking stuffers. Don't miss their wide selection of bath bombs ($3.50 apiece) and their olive oil moisture cream (starts at $13). *Prices Vary, Duross & Langel, 117 S 13th St., durossandlangel.com*

Candles - Old City Canning Co.
Everyone has someone on their list who is tricky to buy for. When in doubt, get a candle. Old City Canning Co. has a selection of both unique and more subtle scents to bring as a gift to a holiday gathering or a thoughtful Secret Santa present. Go for a classic scent like lemon and vanilla, or get something more unique like a blend of absinthe and coffee fragrances. *$12-$34, Old City Canning Co., Shop in-person at the Made in Philadelphia holiday market in Dilworth Park through Jan. 1 or online via oldcitycanningco.com*

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BCS BLACK FRIDAY 2019 TASTING

Head to Goose Island Brewing Co. this Black Friday to partake in their 2019 BCS tasting extravaganza. There are seven different samples that Philadelphians get to try presented by Goose Island brewers during three separate tasting sessions (11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.) Tickets ($120) include a take-home bottle of one of this year's variants, small bites and a BCS snifter.

Nov. 29, times vary, Goose Island, 1002 Canal St., Philadelphia, $120, gooseisland.com

PIZZA AND A PORTA TREE

Starting this weekend (Nov. 29) and running throughout the rest of the holiday season is Porta's new festive promotion: Pizza and a Porta Tree. Philadelphians who dine at the popular eatery and indulge in one of their signature handcrafted Neapolitan pizzas, beer or wine will receive a Christmas Tree (3-4 foot for $60 or 5-6 foot for $80) making tree shopping a delicious breeze this year. The special will run Sun-Thus open to close and Fri-Sat open to 6 p.m.

Starting Nov. 29, times vary, Porta, 1216 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, prices vary, pizzaporta.com

TAYLOR SWIFT-THEMED DANCE PARTY

Get ready to shake it off at Milkboy this weekend with their Taylor Swift-themed dance party. The midtown hotspot teamed up with Riot Nerd for this special occasion and guests can jam out all night long to some of Swift's greatest hits including "Blank Space," "Look What You Made Me Do," "Red" and more. Tickets are available in advance via Eventbrite ($9) or at the door the night of the party ($13).

Nov. 29, 10:30 p.m., Milkboy, 1100 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, $9-$13, milkboyphilly.com

COLONIAL CHOCOLATE MAKING

Guests who attend this tasty event will have the opportunity to meet three female entrepreneurs and learn how women played an active role during the American Revolution – including when it came to choosing colonial beverages like hot chocolate and coffee rather than tea. Hot chocolate samples will be provided and Chocolate Ambassadors from Mars Wrigley Confectionary's American Heritage Chocolate will be on hand to share the history of chocolate.

Nov. 30, 11 a.m. -4 p.m., Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch St., Philadelphia, historicphiladelphia.org

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Head to Philadephia Brewing Co. this weekend to check out their holiday open house fundraiser event. The party will feature three hours of open draughts (beer and cider), live music and much more. Proceeds from the tickets ($25) will go directly to help four local charities: The City of Elderly Love Rescue, Four the Paws Rescue, Citizens for a No-Kill Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania SPCA. The party will kick off a 30-day donation drive and according to a release, guests can further support animals in need by partaking in additional merriment, including PAYG wine and cocktails, photos with Santa and Santy Klaws of Kitty Rotten ($10), giant beer pong ($5), Kenzinger Ring Toss ($5) and other fun activities. An auction and 50/50 raffle will complete the afternoon.

Nov. 30, 2 p.m. -5 p.m., Philadelphia Brewing Co., 2440 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, $25+, philadelphiabrewing.com

KULU MELE

Philadelphians will have the opportunity to see the World Premiere of Kulu Mele's "Ogun & the People" not once, but twice this weekend at the Annenberg Center. According to the release, this timely multimedia work was specially created by Kulu Mele artistic director Dorothy Wilkie and explores the Afro-Cuban/Yoruba parable of the deity Ogun, a warrior and protector who abandons the other gods, wreaking terrible violence and famine on the world.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 8 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., Philadelphia, $29-$59, annenbergcenter.org

COLLIE BUDDZ

Philadelphians can catch Bermudian reggae artist Collie Budz this weekend at the TLA. Collie Buddz will be performing his greatest hits, including "Come Around," "Love & Reggae," "Blind to You," "Tomorrow's Another Day," "Good Life" and more.

Nov. 30, 9 p.m., TLA, 334 South St, Philadelphia, $25, venue.tlaphilly.com METRO STAFF

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The Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest is officially back this weekend. **MOLLY GIVEN**

Winterfest opens this weekend. **MATT STANLEY**

It truly is a spirited time in Philadelphia, and down by the Delaware River Waterfront things are really getting festive. The Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest is officially back this weekend, and 2019 promises to be the best year yet for this annual seasonal tradition in the City of Brotherly Love.

The winter wonderland is a sight that you'll just have to see to believe, with thousands of lights strung across the area, vibrant colors and a majestic holiday tree dressed in tens of thousands of twinkling LEDs. Philadelphians can witness the majestic scene while skating under the stars on Winterfest's regulation-size Olympic outdoor ice skating rink and indulging in other tasty treats being offered by a colorful variety of vendors. Delicious bite options include Village Whiskey burgers, spiked apple cider, Chickie's and Pete's famous Crab Fries, fried Oreos, s'mores, "drinking chocolate" and much more. Guests can enjoy their food and drinks in the newly-decorated lodge and cabins or by one of the firepits lining the area.

"Winterfest is one of the most festive seasonal experiences for Philadelphia residents and visitors," said Joe Forkin, president of DRWC, in a release. "Thousands of people have been coming to the Waterfront for more than 25 years to ice skate with their families, eat great food, enjoy hot drinks in The Lodge, and just have a wonderful time. It's a favorite winter tradition in Philadelphia."

Winterfest is known for its lodges and warming cabins, and this year designer Todd Marcocci of West Chester's Under the Sun Productions was tasked with reimagining each of the cabins as well as the main Lodge. According to the release, each of the cabins has two, brand-new, hand-sewn and custom printed Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest logo pillows trimmed in various winter colors. While the design aesthetic will feel new, the warmth and tradition of Winterfest remains.

The Main Cabin will feature enhanced decorations that were carefully contoured with trees featuring new, hand-made burlap rosettes; the Cardinal Cabin features lush colors of red and themed soft goods; the Nature Cabin features various representations of the natural environment and inspirational print; the Ski Cabin features various skis; the Skate cabin features vintage and modern skates, soft goods and pops of vibrant color; and the Snowman Cabin presented by Philadelphia Magazine features different snowman-themed props and snow-themed soft goods.

"The Blue Cross RiverRink brings people together and helps create memories that last a lifetime," said Daniel J. Hilferty, Independence Blue Cross CEO in a release. "Independence Blue Cross is so pleased to help make this great Philadelphia tradition possible, as part of our commitment to promoting a fun and active lifestyle in the region."

Opening weekend and throughout the season, Winterfest will also offer a plethora of free and exciting events. The Holiday Tree Lighting Powered by PECO (Dec. 6) features 10 spirited acts and 28 unique performances. Skate with Santa (Dec. 21-22) is a perfect family outing. Guests can even kick off the New Year by stopping by Winterfest to check out fireworks shows along the Delaware River Waterfront. A full list of events and happenings is available on the official website.

According to the release, in addition, the rink, Lodge, and cabins can also be rented for holiday parties, winter get-togethers and birthday celebrations. Single cabins rent for $75 per 90 minutes and fit 8-10 people, and double cottages rent for $125 per 90 minutes and can fit up to 18 people.

The Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest opens Nov. 29 and will remain open through March 8, 2020. Hours differ depending on the day. For more information visit delawareriverwaterfront.com

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7 stores with great deals and gifts on Nov. 30 MADELINE PRESLAND

If Black Friday madness isn't your idea of enjoyable holiday shopping, try staying in your neighborhood for Small Business Saturday. Boutiques and other retailers throughout the city are offering amazing discounts, free gifts with purchases and fun in-store celebrations. Here are seven shops to visit this Saturday.

Alice Alexander
Take advantage of rare and significant savings on this East Falls-based sustainable clothing brand. Sign up for their mailing list via their website to gain access to online discounts valid through Small Business Saturday. Save 15 percent on orders $150 or more, and 30 percent off when you spend $450 or more. Alice Alexander makes size-inclusive sustainable clothing designed to be staples in your wardrobe. Check out their Bessie Adventure Jacket ($315) and merino wool Claire dress ($280). Don't delay because these discounts are only available through Nov. 30. *Shop online via alicealexander.co*

Verde
Stock up on holiday gifts and a few treats for yourself. Marcie Turney and Valerie Safran's boutique Verde will be giving away their classic Philadelphia tote bag (a $26 value) when you spend $100 or more. Head to Verde to shop for chocolates from Marcie Blaine, jewelry, clothing and more. The same promotion will also be available at their homeware and gift boutique Open House (107 S 13th St.) right across the street. *108 S 13th St., 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., verdephiladelphia.com*

Spiral Bookcase
Head to this magical and cozy bookshop in Manayunk for a full day of giveaways, expert gift advice and snacks. Start the day with "Bookish Brunch" treats from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A few local authors will be guest booksellers for the day to give gift recommendations and help you find your next great read. The bookshop is giving away treat bags with every purchase as well as special gifts at other gift levels, including a Spiral notepad when you spend $25 and a $15 gift card when

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Jet Wine Bar
Attention wine lovers: this is the shopping deal for you. Jet Wine Bar has an BOGO special on their carryout wines on both Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Buy one bottle of wine for purchase and get one free. If you take advantage of the deal to stock up on four bottles, Jet will also give you a free wine tote to carry everything home. This is the perfect opportunity to shop for wine as holiday gifts or pick out a few bottles to serve at your holiday parties this season. *1525 South St., 12 p.m. - 1 a.m., jetwinebar.com*

Little Apple
The adorable Manayunk boutique stocks everything you need for thoughtful presents and funny gifts. They sell a delightfully curated selection that encompasses everything from stationary and candles to sassy socks. Take advantage of scoring gifts with purchase, gift cards from neighboring businesses and free Manayunk tote bags while supplies last. *4361 Main St., 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., thelittleapplestore.com*

Art in the Age
This boutique sells the things you need to shake, stir and everything in-between. Find delicious and unusual spirits, cordials and cocktail supplies at eclectic barware store Art in the Age in Old City. Shop for the drink enthusiasts in your life while getting the chance to sample a few of their own concoctions. You also get to walk away with a little gift for yourself. Spend $100 to get a free branded tote bag this Saturday. *116 N 3rd St., 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., artintheage.com*

Kin Boutique
Visit ultra fashionable boutique Kin in Washington Square for some major deals, including splurging on a new coat or jacket. All outerwear is 40 percent off on Saturday only. The boutique carries a range of brands, including Austrailian clothing labels, so you'll find unique pieces you won't see anywhere (or on anyone) else. *1014 Pine St., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., shopkin.com*

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Metro's picks for Record Store Day

Black Friday 2019

While many people will be out shopping on Black Friday for slashed prices on items such as iPhones and clothing, many of us will be lining up at the crack of dawn to get our hands on some limited edition vinyl for Record Store Day's Black Friday edition. Here are four of our picks for this year's festivities.

Lizzo - "Coconut Oil EP"

While Lizzo is having a monumental year, it is worth it to see where the multi-talented artist got her start. This Black Friday, the folks at Record Store Day will be reissuing her 2016 "Coconut Oil EP" on a "milky white" 12" vinyl pressing with a coconut oil scented insert. For those unfamiliar with this early release, the EP contains the empowering single "Good as Hell." This is a necessary Black Friday purchase if there ever was one.

Pearl Jam - "MTV Unplugged (3/16/1992)"

It's hard to think that back in 1992, Pearl Jam was a young and hungry band out to prove themselves. But as their debut album "Ten" had been viewed as an instant classic upon its release, the band was still trying to show the world that they were a force to be reckoned with on stage. For Black Friday this year, Record Store Day will be issuing the first vinyl pressing of one of the band's first true landmark televised performances on "MTV Unplugged." This seven-song performance contains such favorites "Alive," "Black" and live favorite, "Porch."

Aretha Franklin - "The Atlantic Singles Collection 1968"

For the avid soul collector, this 7" singles collection from Aretha Franklin is a must have. This four disc box-set contains four singles collected from the time when the 'Queen of Soul' was hitting an unbelievable stride with her two classic albums from 1968, "Lady Soul" and "Aretha Now." This collection contains such hits as "Think," "Say a Little Prayer" and a rousing cover of Sam Cooke's "You Send Me."

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Miles Davis - "Early Minor: Rare Miles From The Complete In A Silent Way Sessions"
In 1969, Miles Davis was going through a transitional phase in his ever-expanding musical vocabulary. He had begun to move away from the quintet approach of his seminal earlier recordings into the uncharted territory of his monumentally influential album, "Bitches Brew." But before that album, he released another landmark album, "In a Silent Way." On Black Friday, Record Store Day will be releasing rare selections of those sessions on vinyl for the very first time.
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Shoppers share *Black Friday* strategies that actually work

If at first you don't succeed, talk to someone who has.

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

Black Friday is arguably the biggest discount day of the year, but making the most of it requires some practice, planning and strategy.

So ahead of Black Friday on Nov. 29, we talked with shoppers and shopping experts to hear their best — and worst — Black Friday stories from years past.

Here's what they said, and what you can learn from them.

The professor: Expect the unexpected

Vicki Morwitz knows a thing or two about Black Friday. She's the Bruce Greenwald Professor of Business at Columbia Business School.

She also spent years as a Black Friday shopper — combing through stores with her mom as part of an annual tradition.

Nowadays, she keeps Black Friday at arm's distance. But she still checks for deals. Like last year when, on a whim, she spotted a travel sale for a boutique luxury hotel she had dreamed about booking for her trip to Israel.

"I just happened to go on their website… and they had a 50% off Black Friday sale, so it was now in my price range, and I booked it and was very, very happy," Morwitz says.

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Tip: Check your favorite stores and businesses on Black Friday, no matter how obscure. Some luxury brands may offer a discount, even if they rarely go on sale.

The researcher: Ignore the hype

Some 71% of Americans plan to shop on Black Friday this year, according to a recent NerdWallet study conducted by The Harris Poll.

That's a lot of shoppers.

But not everything is a great deal on Black Friday. "Don't believe the hype," says Danny McLoughlin, content and research director at RunRepeat, an athletic shoe review and price aggregator site.

McLoughlin studied price data from the past three years for thousands of sneakers. According to the pricing analysis by RunRepeat, from Aug. 1, 2018, to July 31, 2019, sneakers were cheaper on 66% of those days than they were on Black Friday.

Not exactly what you would expect from a day assumed to have the best deals on everything.

Tip: Start monitoring prices now. That way, you'll know how much a product has been discounted — if at all.

The blogger: Resist FOMO

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yourself to Black Friday itself. Christy Palmer, blogger at AllThingsTarget.com (not affiliated with Target), says Black Friday deals are available early — and late.

"Many online stores start their Black Friday sales prior to Black Friday, so you can often grab the deals you want and you don't even have to leave your home," Palmer said in an email.

She said she's also seen deals that are equal to or beat Black Friday prices even after Black Friday is over.

Tip: Continue your savvy shopping habits after Black Friday by monitoring prices, signing up for retailer mailing lists and using coupons.

The cyber shopper: Stay home

This Black Friday, Lydia Senn will be shopping online in her pajamas with a cup of coffee in hand and Netflix on her screen.

Senn, who is the owner of the blog Frugal, Debt Free Life, doesn't bother going to the store. She also doesn't interrupt family time on Thanksgiving for shopping. She's found standout deals online, like a $30 markdown on an Instant Pot a few years back.

Her shopping prep includes mapping out a shopping list and looking at Black Friday ads online from coupon websites.

Tip: Avoid the crowds and shop Black Friday deals from home. Cyber sales generally happen from Thanksgiving Day and to the Monday after, Cyber Monday.

The savvy consumer: Stick to necessities

Ravi Gehlot is a web developer from Sarasota, Florida. He shops all year long, including on Black Friday. In fact, that's when he scored big discounts on Dell monitors.

But despite his deal-hunting prowess, Gehlot might have the best Black Friday advice of all: Don't shop just to shop.

Given his past success snagging impressive deals, we asked if he's going shopping on the day after Thanksgiving this year. His reply? No, because he doesn't really need anything right now.

Tip: Plan out the products you really need (either items for yourself or holiday gifts for others), then hold tight to that list during Black Friday sales.

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READER WRITE-INS:

PUT IT ON THE TABLE

Hey Alan – it's shocking how many people touch handrails, and subway seats, and banisters in the city that everyone from the homeless to wealthy touch daily. Also shocking how often children pick up things from the floor and don't get sick. When you provide some statistics on how often people get sick from items placed on a dining table from the floor, I will understand your gripe.

Anonymous, *Metro US reader*

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Aries An emotional situation will escalate if you let someone trap you into something you don't want to do. Don't lead someone on.

Taurus Concentrate on your life, not on getting involved in someone else's business. The time wasted doing things for others will end up costing you or cause you to miss out on something.

Gemini Keep your spirits high, your thoughts positive and your plans doable. Don't give in to someone trying to pressure or tempt you into something indulgent, risky or objectionable.

Cancer Stay calm and enjoy what you have instead of making comparisons to neighbors, relatives or peers. Life isn't a contest.

Leo Plan to have some fun. Distance yourself from people who are angry or pushy. Make an adjustment because you want to, not because someone is pressuring you.

Virgo Seize an opportunity. Gather information and facts, and don't be shy when it comes to presenting what you have to offer. Focus on personal gain.

Libra Observe what others do and say. Don't respond if you aren't satisfied with the information you're given. Keep your emotions tucked away somewhere safe.

Scorpio Not everyone will be pleased with your accomplishments. Refuse to let someone's jealousy stand between you and the success you deserve.

Sagittarius Rethink your objective. Consider if what you are currently doing will bring you the satisfaction you are searching for. Aim to take better care of your health.

Capricorn Stand up, be a leader and achieve your goal. A passionate attitude will draw attention and give you a chance to weed out what's holding you back.

Aquarius Take a flexible approach when dealing with people who aren't compliant. Offer space and time for others to think matters through. Your time will be better spent on achieving personal goals.

Pisces Turn possibilities into something tangible. It's up to you to go after what you want and to explore the best route to take. Distance yourself from emotional manipulators. EUGENIA LAST

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How to Get the Best Victoria's Secret Black Friday 2019 Deals

Tips from the experts at NerdWallet.

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

NerdWallet is here to help you win Black Friday, while leaving your budget intact. We spend the time, you save the money. Visit regularly for holiday shopping tips and announcements about your favorite retailers. Black Friday is Nov. 29.

Victoria's Secret Black Friday store hours

At Victoria's Secret's PINK stores, Black Friday deals happen first online at 10 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, Nov. 27. You can shop in select stores on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, and in all stores on Black Friday, Nov. 29. Check your nearby location for store hours.

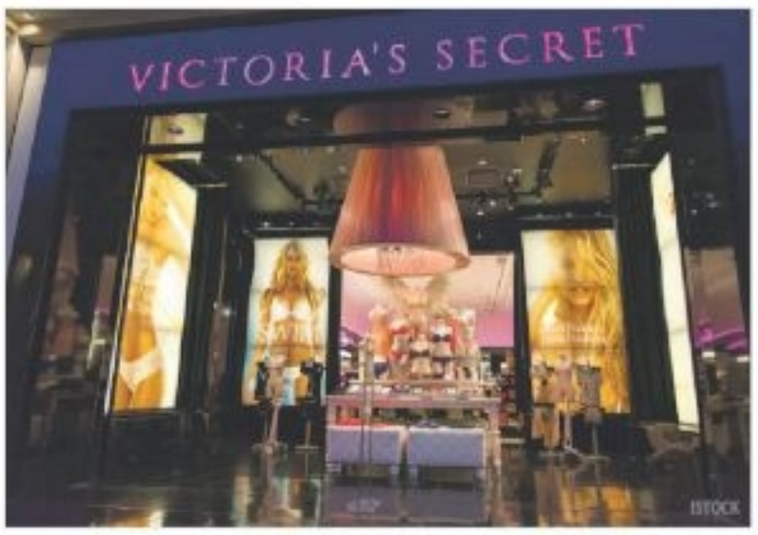
Victoria's Secret Black Friday deals 2019

While we expect more Victoria's Secret deals will be announced this week, we have had a look at some already.

Victoria's Secret's PINK line has released a Black Friday deal preview in the PINK Nation app. Here's a look at some of the deals to expect this year:

$25 teddy half-zip pullover available in five colors (valued at $79.95). $25 fleece-lined legging available in three colors. $35 off a $125 purchase (PINK Nation member exclusive). Free tote with a $75 purchase. Plus, spend more and get a free cozy blanket with a $150 purchase. $5.95 PINK mists and body care.

What to skip at Victoria's Secret



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As with any other store on Black Friday, shop around to make sure that pair of leggings you're buying is actually a reasonable price. And try not to buy anything that doesn't fit in your Black Friday budget.

How to save money at Victoria's Secret

Black Friday apps are helpful for shopping at most retailers, and Victoria's Secret is no exception. Download the PINK Nation app or sign up online.

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How to Get the Best Bath & Body Works Black Friday 2019 Deals

Bath & Body Works Black Friday store hours

At Bath & Body Works, Black Friday starts online on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, at 6 a.m. Eastern time and in many stores at 6 p.m. Check with the location nearest you for store hours.

Bath & Body Works Black Friday deals 2019

Bath & Body Works will once again be hosting a tote bag deal this year. Arriving soon, the store will offer a reusable gingham bag filled with eight products. It will be available for $30 with any $30 purchase (an over $106 value).

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There will be other deals, too. The body care retailer has promised that more surprises will be popping up all week long.

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4 Ways You're Shopping Cyber Monday All Wrong

You're one of the many shopping on Cyber Monday. But chances are you're going about it the wrong way. We put together a list of some of the most common shopping mistakes.

1. You're missing out on coupons

Cyber Monday is meant to be shopped online. So search coupon sites before you buy – it'll only take a little bit of your time. Don't just settle for the Cyber Monday sale prices you see online. Chances are you can stack a coupon (or two or three) on top of those sales

2. You're forgetting about Black Friday

Look back at Black Friday prices to remind yourself of the deals that were. And if Cyber Monday sales don't beat them, hold out a little while longer and consider skipping Cyber Monday and waiting for last-minute sales before Christmas.

3. You're limiting yourself

Cyber Monday sales don't just happen at websites like Walmart, Best Buy and Target. In fact, cyber deals extend to products like hotels, plane tickets and even carpet.

4. You're feeling pressured

Much like Black Friday, Cyber Monday has become a weeklong affair. So keep checking back over the next few days for more deals on a variety of items.

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The 2018 Santa Express stops by 15th Street Station in Philadelphia. SEPTA

SEPTA's Santa Express ushers in the holiday season

For the 29th year, Santa and Mrs. Claus are making their return to Philadelphia's Dilworth Park.

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Do you hear that? It's the sound of jingle bells as Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers head to Philadelphia – but they will leave their sleigh at the North Pole and let SEPTA do the driving.

Santa and Mr.s Claus will travel on the Santa Express to Dilworth Park on Friday, riding aboard a specially decorated Santa Express train on the Market-Frankford Line.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be doing a skating session at Rothman Orthopedics Ice Rink. They will be joined by carolers from the Walnut Street Theatre. This is the 29th year that Santa and Mrs. Claus have participated in the Santa Express ride.

If you miss Santa, don't worry – Santa's helpers will be traveling to Dilworth Park on other lines.

After Santa's arrival at Dilworth Park, the public is invited to check out SEPTA's "Frozen"-themed holiday train, which will be located on the 0 track at Suburban Station. The "Frozen"-themed train will be available for viewing starting at noon.

All of the trips below are scheduled to arrive at stations near Dilworth Park, just in time for Santa's grand entrance:

- **Market-Frankford Line:** Departs 69th Street Transportation Center at 10:28 a.m.
- **Broad Street Line:** Leaves Fern Rock Transportation Center at 10:20 a.m.
- **Broad Street Line:** Leaves NRG Station at 10:32 a.m.
- **Media/Elwyn Line:** Leaves Media Station at 10:02 a.m.
- **Lansdale/Doylestown Line:** Leaves Lansdale Station at 9:52 a.m.
- **Fox Chase Line:** Leaves Fox Chase Station at 10:11 a.m.
- **Manayunk/Norristown Line:** Leaves Norristown Transportation Center at 10:01 a.m.

Santa greets a fan in Philly. SEPTA

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USPS 'Operation Santa' returns to U.S. cities

Here's what happens when you send a letter to Santa.

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This year, children across the nation will enjoy a little extra holiday cheer thanks to Operation Santa, which is making its festive return to post offices across the country.

Operation Santa allows people to "adopt" letters to Santa Claus and send responses and thoughtful gifts in Santa's place. According to postal officials, each year there are hundreds of thousands of letters to Santa. Many of the letters ask for toys and games, but some ask for basic necessities or help for themselves or a loved one.

The USPS says, "The vast majority of letters for Santa Claus are addressed 'Santa Claus, North Pole' or just simply 'Santa' – these letters are processed just like all the other letters, but because they do not have a complete address, or zip code, the Postal Service mail sorting equipment processes them into a default area. The default letters are then sorted – mail that might have been incorrectly addressed is taken to one place and the Santa letters to another place."

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Below are the cities participating in letters sent from Santa, according to the USPSOperationSanta.com:

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- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Cleveland, OH
- Denver, CO
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Los Angeles, CA
- New York, NY
- Orlando, FL
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Sacramento, CA
- San Jaun, PR
- Washington, DC

To get involved, individuals can go to a local post office and choose to adopt a letter. People in New York City and Chicago have the option of adopting letters online, as well. If you are getting involved online, you will go through a short registration and ID verification process.

If someone chooses to adopt a letter in person, they are required to fill out paperwork and show a valid ID; a state or federal ID works. Then customers can read and adopt a letter or multiple letters. To protect the writers of the letters, some information, such as last name and address, are not visible.

Customers will have to pay the postage to mail the letter-writer a gift. Once the postage is paid, a retail associate will match the box with the letter writer by using the code.

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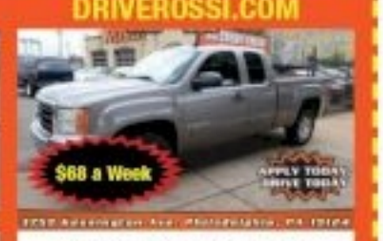

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Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

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The Eagles probably shouldn't be favored by nine points against anybody right now given what we've seen out of the offense the past few weeks. Carson Wentz and company have put up a grand total of 19 points in the past two games combined, and both of those outings were at home.

This one is in Miami, and while the house on South Beach should be packed with plenty of midnight green jerseys, it is still unfamiliar territory for an Eagles team that is just 7-7-0 against the spread away from Lincoln Financial Field over the past two seasons.

The Dolphins are 2-9 straight-up but 5-6-0 against the spread this year.

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Miami has been far from an embarrassment over the past month, as they actually put together a win streak with victories over the Colts (16-12) and Jets (26-18) in early November.

That, though, was likely the Dolphins' one flash this season. They've been blown out by the Bills and Browns in back-to-back games more recently (37-20 loss to Buffalo, 41-24 loss to Cleveland) and look about ready to pack it in.

Dolphins QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, as he did last year in Tampa Bay, showed a couple weeks of promise before returning to his normal status as a bottom 10 starting QB. He threw a pair of picks last week against the Browns and posted a 65.5 passer rating in that one.

All told, you can't trust either of these teams right now against the spread.

Let's hit up the point total in this one, as both offenses should sputter.

The play: Eagles – Dolphins Under 45 points

TWEET OF THE DAY

Matt Gothard
@Matty_Genius

Q: Have you ever done acid?

A: No, but I've listened to Bill Walton call an entire basketball game.

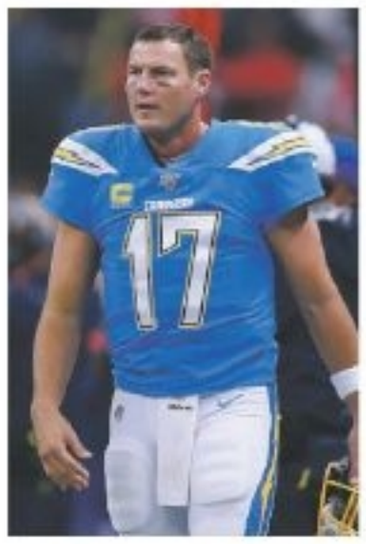
Best bets

NFL Week 13 betting: Chargers at Broncos

After a historically poor offensive effort in Buffalo, the Broncos may turn to rookie QB Drew Lock as they head back home to face the division-rival Chargers on Sunday. Points should be at a premium. The Broncos mustered just 134 yards against the Bills last Sunday, their lowest offensive output since 1992 (per ESPN). Brandon Allen and company finished the game with five consecutive three-and-outs. When asked if second-round draft pick Lock could be activated for this week, head coach Vic Fangio told reporters, "All options are on the table." Regardless of who's under center for Denver, the Chargers' 11th-ranked scoring defense should hold that unit in check.

As for L.A.'s offense, led by the suddenly INT-prone Philip Rivers (14-15 TD-INT ratio in 2019), they're 23rd in the NFL in points per game (20.4) and will face a Broncos defense that's ninth in both scoring and yards allowed per play. Trends bettors are already spending their Under winnings as the Chargers have gone below the total in eight of their last 10 overall and 11 of their last 14 divisional games. The Under is 10-2 in Denver's last 12 home games.

The play: Chargers - Broncos Under 38.5 points



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Barry Bonds (left), Roger Clemens (center), and Sammy Sosa (right) are three of the greatest players of their generation and have yet to receive Hall of Fame inductions because of their links to steroids. GETTY IMAGES

TIME TO LET STEROID USERS IN BASEBALL HALL

PANTORNO'S PERCH

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The voting process for the Baseball Hall of Fame has become quite the convoluted, maligned and controversial process.

What once was the highest honor for a baseball writer has created a target on their backs due to the fundamental ideologies that split the baseball-viewing world.

These are pivotal times in Major League Baseball. While commissioner Rob Manfred is entrenched in an investigation of the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal, he's also attempting to keep the game more relevant to a younger generation who refuse to watch a ball game for three hours.

Blame technology, blame millennials, blame whomever you'd like. But the fabric of America's Pasttime is under attack — which will have baseball purists around the world up in arms.

But that's another column for another day.

I used to consider myself a baseball purist — believing that the game was as pure as it could be following Jackie Robinson's debut in 1947.

Before he broke the color barrier, baseball was a game of mythical contradictions.

For a game that represented America and all that was right with democracy, it excluded more than it included.

Cheating — in the form of throwing games for bettors or having pitchers doctor baseballs or, yes, even sign stealing — was commonplace.

And in my ignorance, I thought baseball corrected itself throughout the decades. The spitball was outlawed and the harshest punishments were implemented on those who bet on the game (see the 1919 Chicago White Sox or Pete Rose).

Though I still truly believe that "Shoeless" Joe Jackson should be in the Hall of Fame and was duped into the ring that saw the White Sox throw the World Series.

So, naturally, I looked at the sweeping steroid epidemic that gripped Major League Baseball at the turn of the millennium as the largest threat to baseball.

The players that defined the game during my childhood — Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Rafael Palmeiro, Sammy Sosa, Alex Rodriguez, Roger Clemens — were found guilty of taking PEDs, which gave them an unfair advantage in what I always believed was mostly a fair game.

It tainted their career achievements and has withheld them from the Baseball Hall of Fame as the writers responsible for voting them in have policed the situation with the most ardent fervor.

For the most part, I had agreed with them.

That meant keeping out Bonds, Major League Baseball's all-time home run king with 762 round-trippers.

Last year, he received 59.1 percent in his seventh year on the ballot. A player needs 75 percent of the vote for enshrinement and at least five percent to stay on the ballot for the next season.

Now in his eighth year of eligibility, he has three more shots to get in before the 10-year limit eliminates him from the ballot.

That meant keeping out Sosa, who ranks ninth on that list with 609 home runs. This is also his eighth time on the ballot and he received just 8.5 percent of the vote last year.

Rodriguez, who ranks fourth with 696, could also experience these same difficulties when he's eligible for enshrinement in 2022.

Palmeiro was considered one of the greatest all-around hitters of his generation, recording 3,020 hits and 569 home runs.

But he'll forever be remembered for wagging his finger in defiance at a grand jury in 2005 while denying his steroid use. A few months later, he tested positive.

He's not even on the ballot. Neither is McGwire.

Clemens is one of the greatest pitchers in MLB history with 354 wins, seven Cy Young Awards and 4,672 strikeouts. Yet he was at 59.5 percent of the vote last year as he enters his eighth year of eligibility.

Up until the last few years, I was perfectly fine with not seeing these players gain access to the Hall of Fame.

They cheated. They didn't deserve it.

But then I started doing some digging and realized that baseball has always had its notable cheaters. And they're in Cooperstown.

While steroids received all the publication after the Mitchell Report's release in 2007, amphetamines were a much larger problem for much longer.

Whether it was "greenies" or "beans" or "uppers" ballplayers from the 1950s to the 2000s would take amphetamines, which amped up the central nervous system. This honed in a player's concentration, aiding in the all-so popular term "locked-in."

Think of the biggest names in baseball from that era. Chances are, they were linked to amphetamine usage.

Hank Aaron — baseball's home run king before Bonds — admitted to using amphetamines. So did Rose.

The likes of Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Willie Stargell have also been linked to greenies over the years.

It is believed Mantle also used a corked bat — as discovered during a 2013 auction of one of his game-used bats — and was injected with a cocktail of amphetamines and steroids during the famous 1961 home run race between him and Roger Maris.

Even Babe Ruth used a laminated bat — which was later outlawed — during the 1923 season. He also allegedly injected himself with sheep-testicle extract to try and gain an advantage at the plate.

You can't split hairs and say one form of cheating or using unnatural tactics to gain an edge is more egregious than another.

The list of players who looked to gain an unfair advantage in baseball is endless and for the most part, undocumented in the Hall of Fame besides pitchers in the Deadball Era.

Why should Bonds, Clemens and Sosa — amongst others — be barred while others skated into the hall?

It's hypocritical.

It's time to let these guys into the Hall of Fame before their eligibility runs out.

Eagles in must-win territory vs. lowly Fins

Philly looks to break a two-game losing streak on Sunday.

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Carson Wentz and Doug Pederson have a lot to prove this Sunday against the Dolphins. GETTY IMAGES

After suffering two straight losses at home, the Philadelphia Eagles (5-6) will try to salvage their season on Sunday against the Miami Dolphins (2-9) at Hard Rock Stadium (1 p.m. ET, FOX).

This will be the Eagles' first game away from Lincoln Financial Field in four weeks as their last road contest was against another AFC East team, the Buffalo Bills, back in Week 8.

Heading into that must-win game, Philadelphia was riding a two-game losing streak and needed a bounce-back win over the upstart Buffalo Bills.

The Eagles stepped up and defeated the Bills 31-13, leaning on the running game and defense. That being said, this Sunday's game should be a tad bit easier for the reeling Eagles, whose offense is downright struggling.

Over their last two games, Philly's offense has scored a total of 19 points and produced six turnovers. Simply put, that is not a recipe for winning football, no matter how well your defense is playing.

The Dolphins are also looking to snap their two-game losing streak which was extended by getting destroyed by Baker Mayfield and the Cleveland Browns, 41-22, last Sunday.

In that game, Miami's defense allowed the Browns to rack up 467 yards of total offense. The previous week, the Dolphins got smoked by the Bills 37-20, in South Florida.

Can the Eagles offense find themselves in a must-win game to start the month of December? Or will the Ryan Fitzpatrick-led Dolphins upset Philly and put their playoff hopes to bed?

To answer those questions and more, here are a few things to watch out for in this Week 13 matchup:

WILL THE REAL EAGLES WIDE RECEIVERS PLEASE STAND UP?

If there is a game where Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz and his wide receivers could get back on track, it's this one against the struggling Dolphins defense.

Since Week 6, Miami's defense has allowed opposing teams wide receivers to score 12 touchdowns. However, over that same period, Eagles wide receivers have only scored once. The lone touchdown reception happened in Week 7 against the Minnesota Vikings, courtesy of Alshon Jeffery.

Speaking of Jeffery, he missed his second consecutive game due to an ankle injury. But according to Eagles head coach Doug Pederson, both Jeffery and fellow receiver Nelson Agholor are "trending up" to play in Sunday's game.

If Jeffery and or Agholor plays on Sunday, then there is no reason why the Eagles wide receivers cannot break out of their touchdown drought.

We already saw a glimpse of what Greg Ward Jr. can do last week against an improving Seattle pass defense. And with another week of practice, he could play an instrumental role too in this weekend's game.

NOT ALLOWING FITZPATRICK TO BECOME FITZMAGIC

The last time the Eagles took on a Fitzpatrick-led team was last season in Week 2 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In that game, Fitzmagic — the legendary quarterback from Harvard — torched Philadelphia's defense to the tune of 402 yards, an 81.8 completion percentage, four touchdowns and an interception. Tampa Bay ultimately defeated the Eagles, 37-31.

However, Fitzpatrick does not have the same weapons at his disposal that he had with the Buccaneers. This season, Fitzpatrick is only completing 62 percent of his passes for 1,901 yards, 10 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Then you add in a nonexistent running game, which is averaging a league-worst 63.2 yards per game, and you can see how and why Miami is struggling this season on offense.

It will not get easier for Fitzpatrick on Sunday as he faces an Eagles defense which has gotten healthy and improved its play over the last few weeks.

GETTING WENTZ BACK ON TRACK

In regards to Wentz, he is coming into this weekend's matchup, trying to get past one of the worst games of his career against the Seahawks.

The former second overall pick completed 73.3 percent of his passes for 256 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. He also had three fumbles in last Sunday's game at Lincoln Financial Field.

When you look at Wentz's struggles over the last few weeks, they have been two-fold. Part of the blame falls on the coaching staff and wide receivers. But the other part falls on his shoulders as he is the franchise quarterback.

In the last two games, we've seen Wentz overthrowing receivers and or not taking what the defense is giving him. It also does not help that he was missing his starting running back, two wide receivers and two starting offensive linemen.

However, as previously alluded to, Wentz can get back on track against the Dolphins' defense.

This season, Miami is allowing opposing quarterbacks to complete 64.8 percent of their passes while giving up 252.7 yards per game.

Therefore, if I am Eagles' head coach Doug Pederson, I am doing everything in my power to make sure Wentz is comfortable and in rhythm. If that means using more no-huddle to start the game, then do it.

If Philadelphia wants to make the playoffs and win the NFC East, it will be up to Wentz and the Eagles' offensive coaching staff to figure things out.

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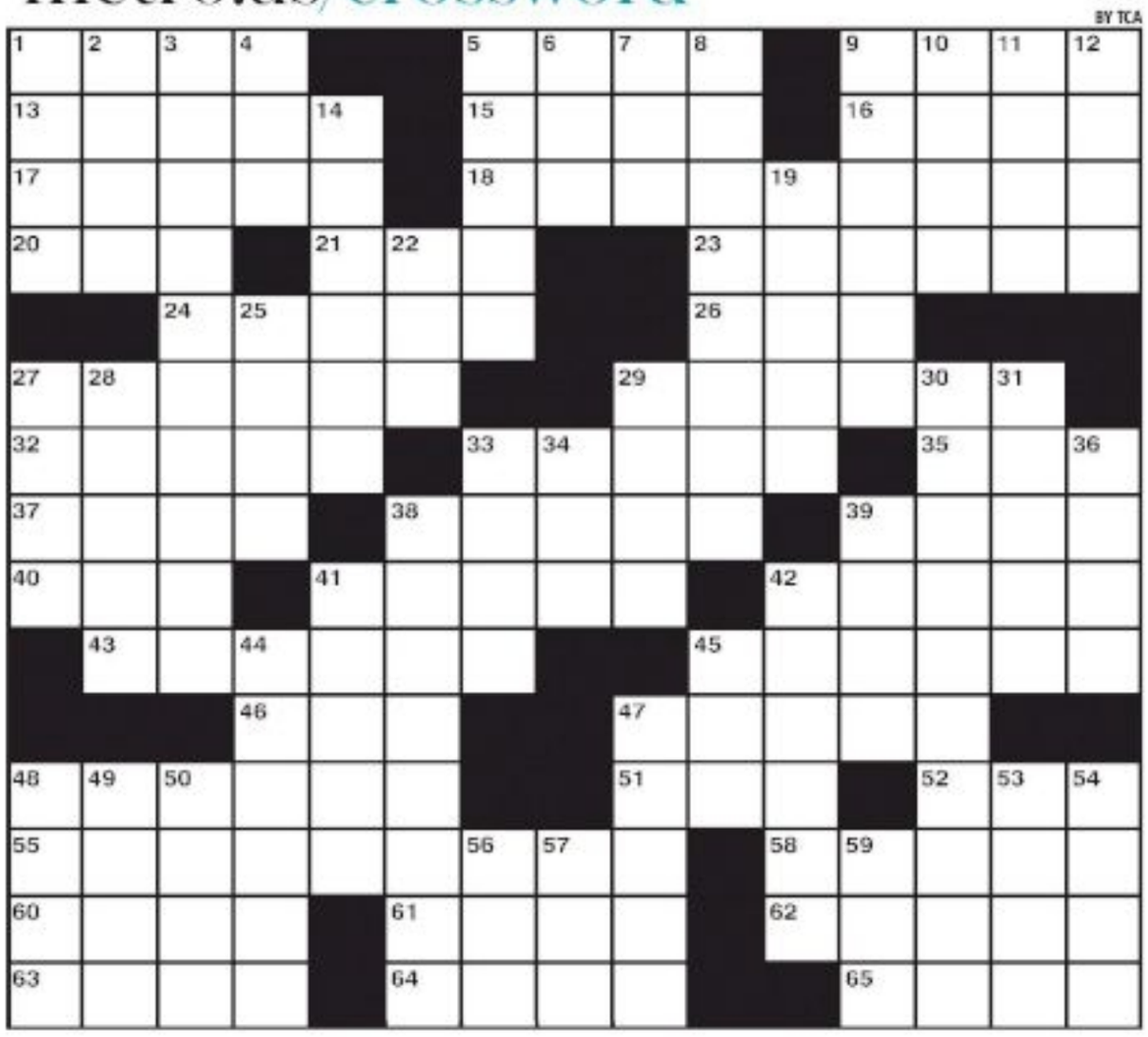

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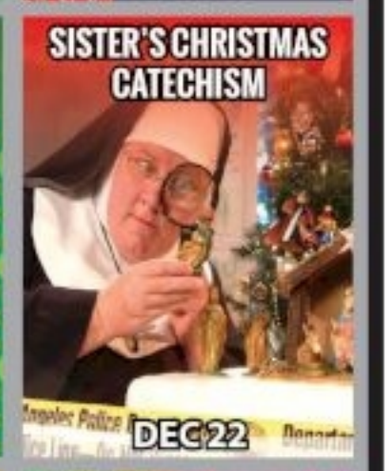

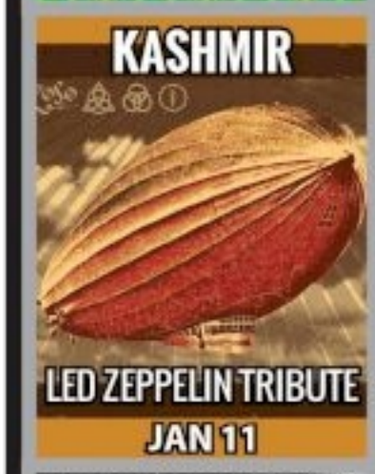

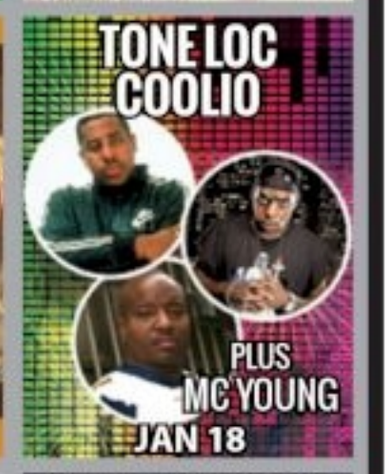

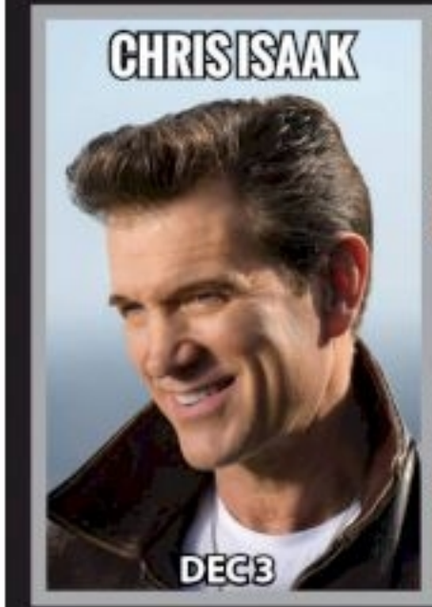

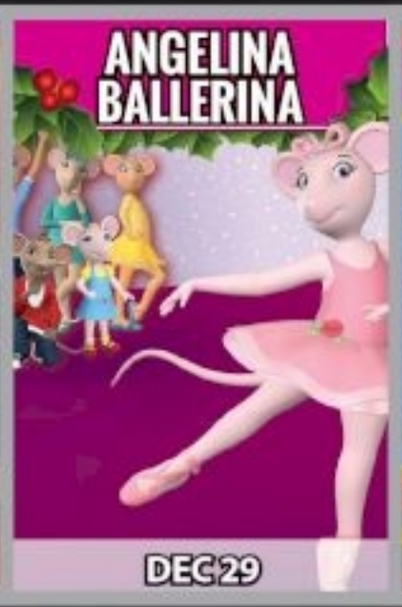

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